## XLEGLESS AND ARMLESS.

The Proposition to Increase the Pensions of the Maimed Veterans.

A Split in the Senate Committee on the Subject.

Three Reports to be Made, All at Variance with Each Other.

What Commissioner Dudley has to Say About it-Instructive Figures.

The senate pensions committee have split into three parties on the proposed measure to increase the pensions of soldiers and sailors who lost an arm or a leg in the government service during the war of the rebellion. The majority of the committee, represented by Mr. Slater, are against the proposition. The minority, Mesers. Blair and Mitchell (the chairman), are in favor of the measure and of enlarging its scope so as to increase the pensions of those whose eyesight or hearing has been impaired by reason of service in either of the arms of the service. Mr. Platt is unable to agree with either the majority or minority, and proposes to offer a bill of his own, embodying his individual ideas. Mr.

Blair has drawn an elaborate report and bill, which has been concurred in by Mr. Mitchell, of which the following is a synopsis:

The bill provides for a pension of \$12 a month for the loss of one eye, and in case of partial blindness resulting in total disability, where the record \$40 a month and for total lay.

partial blindness resulting in total disability, not to exceed \$40 a month, and for total loss of hearing \$30 a month, and for loss of hearing less than total, but amounting to disability, an increase as in the case of blindness. It also has a general clause that any person who shall have contracted a disability not specified in the law equivalent to any disability enumerated, shall be entitled to an equivalent pension; also that nothing in this bill shall operate to reduce any pension now on shall operate to reduce any pension now on the rolls.

THE MINORITY REPORT SAYS THE MINORITY REPORT SAYS

"The highest rates of pension now paid on account of the worst form of disability involving total permanent helplessness, and requiring the habitual attendance of another person, is \$72 per month. The same principle would apply to the equivalent disabilities provided for in the bill. Although the bill does not provide for the increase of any pension beyond \$40 per month, yet a minimum does not provide for the increase of any pension beyond \$40 per month, yet a minimum form of disability, to wit, by reason of the less of a hand or foot, is by its terms rated at \$40, which is all allowed for an amputation at the hip or shoulder joint, the most dangerous operations known to surgery, and most rarely successful, resulting, when not fatal, in the severest form of disasurgery, and most rarely successful, resulting, when not fatal, in the severest form of disability short of total helplessness, it cannot be doubted that the passage of this bill would operate only as a logical and irresistable basis, or major premise, for future legislation, increasing correspondingly the rates of pension for all degrees of disability higher than that now rated at \$18 per month.

COMMISSIONER DUDLEY'S STATEMENT. commissioner Dudley's Statement.

"A statement prepared by the commissioner of pensions shows that the annual increase of the pension roll, if this bill should become a law, on account of claims already allowed would be \$5,187,554. Disregarding applications yet to be made, the anticipated increase of the roll on account of cases now pending and likely to be allowed, would be about \$6,750,000. House bill 1410 makes no provisions for disabilities affecting sight or hearing for which, by general consent, very inadefor which, by general consent, very inade-quate provision is made by existing law. In recognition of the manifest relative injustice under which these two unfortunate classes have hitherto suffered the house of rer resentatives has since passed a bill largely increasing the pension hereafter paid to them. estimate the necessary increase to the roll by reason of the provision thus made for these two classes, and which properly should have been included in bill 1410, at \$12,000,000 per annum, and for injuries to eye and ear increase of ending claims over what would be allowed y existing law \$1,000,000, so that it is a fair statement of the result of the legislation proposed in house bill 1410 and the subsidiary bill providing for increase for disabilities to sight and hearing that the annual roll would be increased at least \$17,000,000 on account of cases already allowed, and pending applications likely to be favorably adjudicated. Should subsequent legislation carry out the principles involved in bill 1410, this amount would be increased indefinitely, but it may safely be presumed that it would be not less than \$30,000,000. These rates once implanted in the pension laws must remain a component part of our pension system in the future and the increase of the public burden in this direction would become so great and oppressive as probably to result in the indignant aboli-tion of the whole system or in a wholesale, indiscriminate, and inequitable reduction. That the minimum for specific disabilities in the future would, by the enactment of house bill 1416 into a law be prestigally established bill 1410 into a law, be practically established at \$40 per month has been substantially admitted by advocates of the bill, and so far as we know is not seriously denied, or if denied no one exercising common discretion in the case would give credence to the denial. The inequalities which it would establish could not fail to rankle in the breasts of those who would relatively suffer injustice by its provisions, and the ordinary sense of fair play existing in the minds of the people at large would require the relative increase of all from a minimum of \$4,000 a general re-duction, which would leave all parties interested worse off than they now were. Nor would the evil be lessened; but on the con-trary, it would be greatly aggravated by an dment such as has been proposed to the amenament such as has been proposed to the bill by striking out all increase to the equiv-alent disabilities, making its benefits appli-cable only to those who have suffered by amputation of a hand or foot, the arm or leg. This would only increase the number of those who would feel that they had been unjustly dealt with, and in the next congress we should be called upon to complete the justice denied in this. The undersigned have therefore felt that either all legislation should be denied, or that the inherent difficulties of the subject should be dealt with comprehensively and with a deter-mination to do justice to all and to deny it to none. While we have felt that the soldiers suffering from specific disabilities and their equivalents, although liberally provided for when our legislation is compared with that of other governments, have not hitherto re-ceived any more than they were entitled to receive from a rescued and grateful people; yet, assuming that until the present time pensions have been fairly commensurate with their sufferings and disabilities, it must be conceded that, with the increasing necessities resulting from failing constitutions and the unavoidable aggravation of their disabili-ties with growing helplessness and incapacity to exercise their montal faculties, as well as such crippled physical powers as the ravages of war have spared to them, and with their lives shortening as the shadows lengthen, a very substantial increase of their pension has become indispensable."

An Explosion in the Streets of New York NEW YORK, Jan. 26,-This morning the residents in the vicinity of Fulton and Nassua streets were alarmed by a sudden report, a severe convulsion of the earth, and a shower of debris. Investigation showed that this was

20 by 10 feet, and the iron man-hole cover at that place shattered to pieces. Four persons, passing at the time, were injured. They are: John Hash, a truck driver, injured in the back, and nearly asphyxiated with the escaping gas; Lewis Bear, who was standing on the corner, received injuries to his face; James Clark, oyster-saloon keeper, was slightly injured and shaken up. The most seriously injured was John Schukener, a John street jeweler's clerk, who was passing over the man hole at the time of the explosion, and whose escape from death was almost miraculous. His injuries are severe abrasions and scalds of his face and limbs. He had a parcel of jewelry his face and limbs. He had a parcel of jewelry in his hand at the time, which was scattered all over the street.

#### A FEW MORE FAILURES.

#### Business Houses Compelled to Suspend-A Big Crash in New York.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 .- The business failures of the last seven days as reported to R. G. Dun & Co., of the mercantile agency, number 277 as compared with 274 last week. The southern states had 73; the western, 70; middle, 54; New England, 25; Pacific states and territories, 13; Canada, 33, and New York city, 6. The only failure in New York city of importance is that of M. Armstrong & Sons,

of importance is that of M. Armstrong & Sons, leather, who have just assigned.

The principal assignments in the country, Stewart & Brothers, woolens, Frankford, Pa.; Hassinger & Brittain, hardware, Philadelphia; J. W. Humphrey and Company, machinery, Bradford, Pa.; and M. Eisenstadt & Co., jewelry, St. Louis, Mo. Shriver Brothers, dried fruit, Baltimore, have also suspended.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Jan. 26.—Messrs, Colton & Co. have made an enforced assignment for the benefit of their creditors. Linklities, \$46,000; assets consisting solely of

bilities, \$46,000; assets consisting solely of stock, it is claimed will inventory at from \$55,000 to \$60,000.

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New Your, Jan. 26.—M. Armstrong & Sons, wholesale leather merchants of No. 19 Ferry street, to-day made an assignment to Matthew Van Winkle. The assets have not as yet been calculated, but they consist of stock, real estate, and securities. The liabilities are said to be about \$400,000. The failure is attributed solely to a long depression in the leather trade. enther trade.

The assignment as filed shows preferences as follows: Matthew Armstrong, \$14,042; Matthew Armstrong as trustee, \$43,724; Alice E. Watson, \$1,950; Emma Van Winkle, \$3,000; and the Bronx Wool and Leather

company, \$10,000.

PORTLAND, ME., Jan. 26.—William F.,
Studley's extensive dry goods stock has been
attached by New York parties and investigation is being made into his affairs. Report
puts his liabilities at \$50,000.

#### DYING BY DOZENS.

#### Fearful Ravages of the Cholera in South America-Political Matters.

PANAMA, Jan. 15 .- Minister Partridge was to have left Lima for a conference with Montero at Aregupa, but announces that he will now await the receipt of a letter from Minister Logau. The former is highly incensed at the letter the latter sent to Montero. Mr. Partridge considers it an unwarrantable meddling with his peculiar functions. On Dec. 29 Gen. Barrios tendered his resignation as the president of Guatemala, basing his reasons on the ground of ill-health, and the fact that his services were no longer required. The assembly, however, by a vote of 39 to 5 voted

not to accept it. not to accept it.

The government organ of the state of Chiapas, Mexico, publishes a long article on the cholera which has scourged the southern part of the state, and which has not yet disappeared. The general government is implored to render assistance, as the number of victims is immense, and misery and want wife surement wherever the original want reign supreme wherever the epidemic has raged fiercely. Sanitary cordons were established round the Tierra Caliente (the hot region), where this sporadic outbreak of cholera raged with flercest intensity. The cold and temperate regions where not affected. Whole families died in a single night, On some plantations there are only three or four people left alive. Many bodies have been devoured by the dogs, because those who were stricken were at once abandoned. The town of Tuxtla had 8,000 inhabitants, 600 of whom are dead. Of the 6,000 in Tonala upward of 1,000 are dead. The town of Chinpas suffered most severely, twenty to thirty persons dying

### The Newhall House Disaster.

MILWAUKEE, WIS., Jan. 26,-In the inquest on the Newhall house disaster this morning, Engineer Lineban testified. His statement did not vary from those already published. Ben Tice, the chief clerk, was examined next. He stated that of the help em-ployed by the hotel thirty-five were saved out of forty-flye. This is a contradiction of a former statement which made the number of employe sixty-seven. It has been learned that \$100,000 insurance on the Newhall house \$22,000 had expired, leaving only \$78,000 col-

### Precarious Wilkes-Barre.

WILKES-BARRE, PA., Jan. 26.—The cracking apart of the earth above the cave-in at the Delaware and Hudson company's mine tonight is about the same as when the disaster first occurred. The surmander of this occur foot or more at any time. Should this occur the damage will be greatly increased by the toppling over of houses, which would cause a receneral wreck. Matters are in a state of presented of the state of presented of the state of the st

### A Call on Dr. Rankin.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 26 .- The members of the Euclid Avenue Congregational church to-night resolved to extend a call to Dr. Rankin, of your city, at a salary of \$3,000 a year, parsonage rent free, four weeks' vacation annually, and \$500 to pay expenses of removal to Cleveland.

The Dead French Artist. PARIS, Jan. 26.—The remains of Gustave Dore were interred yesterday at the cemetery of Pere La Chaise. Alexander Dumas delivered the oration at the grave.

### They Will Go to Prison.

DUBLIN, Jan. 26 .- The Freeman's journal announces that neither Davitt, Healey or Quinn will consent to give bail. They will consequently go to prison.

TELEGRAPHIC TWISTINGS. —In the supreme court, New York, yesterday Judge Barrett vac ted the injunction obtained by Col. Mauleson, restraining Emma Juck Topo de-Col. Mapleson, restraining Emma Juch from sing ing with any other management.

—George Russell, a collector, charged with em ezzing about 25,000 from Sharpless & Son, Fhila delphia, was arrested yesterday afternoon a Blackwoodtown, N. J., and brought to Philadel

—S. M. Field, of Newport, Vt., who was arrested for passing counterful half dollars, was held in \$3,000 bail. The government witnesses proved that he had passed counterful money and that he offered to compromise the case when arrested.

—Edward B. Williams, a note and stock broker, of Philadelphia, having an office on Third street, was arrested this afternoon upon charges of larceny as ballee and fraudulent representations, preferred by William C. Shaffer. He was held in \$7,000 for a further hearing on Wednesday.

—Application was made yesterday in New York to Judge Barrett in the supreme court to restrain the production at the Windson theater, by Barrett and Wallack, of the play, "The James Boys, or the Bandit King." The plaintiffs, Lavering and France, are owners of a play bearing a similar title, and claim prior right to it. Decision was reserved.

of debris. Investigation showed that this was due to an explosion of gas which had escaped from the pipes into the tunnels of the steam heating company under the street at that point, and when the workmen were searching for the leak with a light the gas exploded.

The street was torn up for the space of about

#### A BREAK FOR BOWEN.

Colorado's Coming Senator for the Long Term-No Change for Windom, Ferry, or Samuelers.

NO CHANGE FOR WINDOM. St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 26 .- There was no material change in the balloting for United States senator to-day. Windom received 49: Wilson, 34; Cobb, 16; Dunnell, 10; Hubbard, ; Kindred, 6 : Davis, 5 ; Strait, 2 ; Farmer, ; Start, 4 ; Wakefield, 2 ; scattering, 4 ; total,

STILL SCATTERING IN NEBBASKA. LINCOLN, Jan. 26.—In the thirty-first bal-lot for United States senator in the Nebraska los for Chited States senator in the Neoraska legislature to-day Boyd received 33, Millard 19, Thayer 15, Saunders 14, Stickel 14, Corvin 14, Manderson 6, Morton 3, Lake 2, and Crounz 2 votes. The rest were scattering.

HON, TOM BOWEN NOMINATED. DENVER, Jan. 26 .- On the third ballot the republican senatorial caucus to-night nomi-nated Hon. T. M. Bowen, of Rio Grande, for United States senator for the long term. No nomination was made for the short term.

DETROIT, MICH., Jan. 26 .- The first ballot DETROIT, MICH., Jan. 25.—The first ballot for Unites States senator in the joint conven-tion of the legislature to-day resulted as fol-lows: Ferry, 46; Stout, 44; Haunah, 14; Wil-lets, 9; Hanchett, 8, the remainder scattering. DELAWARE LEGISLATURE.

PERRY'S VOTE.

DELAWARE LEGISLATURE.

DOVER, Jan. 26.—In the house this morning Speaker Bates introduced a bill increasing the number of members to thirty and the senate to thirteen. At present each of the three counties in the state has seven members in the house and three in the senate. A STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

YANKTON, D. T., Jan. 26.—The council to-day passed, under suspension of the rules, a joint resolution for the appointment of three members of the council and five members of the house as a committee to prepare for a state constitutional convention for southern

A REPUBLICAN GETS THE SEAT. A REPUBLICAN GETS THE SHAT.

BOSTON, Jan. 26.—A recount of votes in the seventh Middlesex senatorial district gives Senator J. H. Crowley 4,305 votes and Charles H. Allen, of Lowell, the contestant, 4,330. The former return was 4,334 for Crowley and 4,306 for Allen. This unseats Crowley (dem.) and gives his place to Allen (straight rep.) leaving sixteen democrats in the senate, twenty-three republicans, and one vacancy. ABOLISHING OFFICES.

Harmsburg, Jan. 26.—The senate to-day passed the bill abolishing the office of delinquent tax collector of Philadelphia, with an amendment empowering the receiver of taxes to discharge the the duties of that office. This is one of the reform bills originated by the Philadelphia committee of 100, and under promise of support of which a number of cau-didates for the legislature received the com-mittee's indorsement and assistance at the recent election.

A Big Verdiet.
WILMINGTON, DEL., Jan. 26.—The case of Anthony Reybold vs. the New York and Baltimore Transportation line, ended in the United States circuit court here this evening, with a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$84,334.29. Counsel for the defendants gave notice of a motion for a new trial. The suit was for \$93,436 damages for acts of the New York and Baltimore Transportation line at various times between 1861 and 1875, in vio-lation of a contract made in 1858, by which the compony agreed not to run its steamboats upon routes between New York, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, and wharves on the Elk Sus-quehanna, and Sassafras rivers, in consideration of Reybold's not trespassing on the com-pany's routes between Philadelphia and New York and Baltimore. Suit was brought in the state courts in 1874, and was afterward removed to the United States circuit court. The present suit began Jan. 30 at an adjourned term of the circuit court.

### Fatal Affray in Virgini

Petersburg, Va., Jan. 26.—Shortly before midnight last night a probably fatal affray occurred between Capt. W. S. McCance and Charles Gee, during which the former was cut with a knife, receiving a wound in the left lung three inches deep and a severe cut on the head. The injured man's physician pronounces the wounds to be serious. Gee, who was arrested shorty after the difficulty, was this morning brought before the mayor for examination. At the request of counsel the case was continued until this afternoon. The prisoner was committed to jail. The par ties are well known in this community, and the case attracts considerable attention.

At the examining trial before the mayor this afternoon Gee was admitted to bail, the evidence showing that the accused acted in selfdefense. The court room was densely packed. The accused was defended by four lawyers.

An Election Officer Punished for Perjury. PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 26,-Michael S. Considine, an election inspector at the last November election, this morning pleaded guilty before Judgo Hare to a charge of perjury, the allegation being that when he took his eath of office he swore that he was not directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager on the result of the election, which subsequently appeared to be false. The district attorney said the offense committed was a penal one, but he did not think that this case called for a severe punishment, as he thought that the defendant had acted more through carelessness than any thing else.
The judge sentenced him to pay a fine of \$20, undergo an imprisonment of three days, and be barred from the right of suffrage for the resid of four parallel for the payer. period of four years, the term prescribed by the act of assembly.

### Expected Astounding Disclosures.

DUBLIN, Jan. 26,-The twenty-one prisoners arraigned in the police court Saturday on the charge of conspiracy to murder government officers, and who were remanded for a week, will be re-examined to-morrow. The investigation will be held in the Kilmainham court house, as the government fears that the prison van might be attacked if the accused prison van might be attheked it the accused, were brought before the police court here. The court house in Kilmainham, which adjoins the jail, is guarded by military. It is reported that astounding disclosures will be made in regard to the Phonix park murders, and that the cylinecte to be given will completely selling that given just Scarrelay. pletely eclipse that given last Saturday.

### A Small Boy's Story.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 26.—About a week ago a small colored boy who applied for lodging at the police station informed the officer in charge that he knew a colored man named Charles Or Alexander Williams, living in this city, who had robbed and set fire to a house in New Brunswick, N. J. The chief of police of New Brunswick was communicate with, and the boy's story found to be true. The house robbed was that of Mr. Merrick, and Williams made his escape by shooting at the officer who attempted to arrest him. He was taken into sustedly yesterday and was this morning committed to await a requisition from the authorities of New Jersey.

## Perranung, Jan. 26. Herr Johann Most.

the noted German socialist, arrived here this morning from Youngstown, Ohio, and was met at the depot by a committee of socialistic met at the depot by a committee of socialistic democrats. The day was spent in visiting places of interest in the city. To-night he was tendered a banquet which was partici-pated in by about 150 of his socialistic sym-pathizers. To-morrow he will speak at Loreli hall.

Herr Johann Most and Friends.

## A Floating Coffin.

VICESBURG, Miss., Jan. 26,-A metallic case was discovered floating in the river near the wharf boat to-day. It was brought to land, A writ of and was found to contain the body of a man to-morrow about 18 years old. The body was in a good defective.

state of preservation. No name was on the case. The body was supposed to be that of some person buried at Lake Providence or Goodrich's landing, La., portions of the cemeteries of both places having caved into the river. The style of case has been out of use for nearly twenty years, and it is thought the remains have been in the ground fully that long. The body was buried in the city ceme-

#### TOSSED IN THE WAVES.

#### The Cimbria and the Sultan-Ships Lost, Stranded, and Injured.

LONDON, Jan. 26 .- The crew of the Wilson line steamer Arigo, which, arrived at Hull, state that on the night before the collision between the Cimbria and Sultan they passed, while on the voyage from London to Bremen, a large mail steamer. They first perceived through the fog her masthead and green lights on the port bow. She was coming at an angle toward them. They immediately starboarded their helm, and so passed clear. They all declare that she was the Cimbria, and that she was not sounding her whistle, This occurred three hours before the collision. Another captain of a Wilson line steamer declares that he has seen the engineer of the Sultan, who says he was not on duty at the time of the collision. He was on deck, in the afterpart of the vessel, for an hour and a half afterward. He heard no cries. Every person on board the Sultan believed that the

person on board the Sultan believed that the Cimbria had steamed away.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A heavy gale prevails to-day, particularly at Southport and Liverpool, causing much damage to the shipping and also to houses. A schooner has been lost with all hands at Yarmouth. At Oldham two persons have been killed and six injured by the gale.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 26.—The German bark Stay of Hope at this port, from Wilmington.

Star of Hope at this port, from Wilmington, N. C., was totally wreeked to-day. The crew were saved. The American bark John Watt,

were saved. The American bark John Watt, from New Orleans, and the American ship E. W. Stetson, from New York, broke their moorings, and have been considerably damaged through striking a dock wall. The Russian brig Kiivas, from Liverpool, bound to Doboy, is ashore at Formby.

The signal corps station at Hatteras, N. C., reports as follows to the chief signal officer: The schooner before reported sunk off Ocracoke proves to be the Eugene, Capt. Gott, from New York, bound to Charleston, loaded with guano. The mate reports that the schooner struck a floating wreck when thirty miles off shore, and sunk in ten minutes. The crew of five men and captain reached shore in

miles off shore, and sunk in ten minutes. The crew of five men and captain reached shore in their own beat. The crew of the schooner are now at life-saving station No. 23. The vessel is owned by F. P. Todd, Calais, Mc. New Orleans, Jan. 26.—The steamship Louisians, Capt. Gager, from New York, brought the captain and crew of the Norwegian bark Pauline Sebbern, from Pensacola, Jan. 12, for Havana, with lumber. On Jan. 22. during a strong northwest rule, the

Jan. 22, during a strong northwest gale, the bark went ashere on Marquesas sheals and sprang aleak. After the masts had been cut away, and the deckload thrown overboard, the vessel got allout and drifted until the twenty-fourth. When eighteen miles south of Torugas all on board were rescued by the Louisiana. A heavy sea was running at the time. The bark when abandoned had eight feet of water in the hold, and was filling ra-

## pidly. HAVEF, Jan. 26.—A British steamer in dis-tress showing the signal letters U. W. H. Q. was spoken Jan. 12 in latitude 45 north, lengitude 25 west.

American Pork in Germany. The Mon. A. A. Sargent, United States minister to Germany, has made to the State department, under date of Berlin, Jan. 1, an official report with regard to the threatened exclusion from that country of American pork products. Mr. Sargent says: "I have the honor to report that a very strong feeling of opposition has been aroused in Berlin and ther German cities, as well as in the manu facturing district generally, against the threatened exclusion of American pork pro-ducts. Strong protests are being sent into the Bundestrath, and committees of merchants and others have visited the capital to protest against the measure. Editorials in leading papers have fully exposed the falsity of the excuses for exclusion. If this were strictly a government of public opinion in the American sense, these general public appeals, backed as they are by solid reasoning upon indisputable facts, would prevail, and the project would be abandoned. But this is far from being the case, and the prospect is stronger that ever that the decree will be issued. I am informed that Mr. Bottls-cher, the imperial minister of the interior, informed a protesting delegation during the past week that the measure would cortainly be adopted. I have sought by all apt means to oppose the measure, and have lost no opportunity to expose its true character, and to show that the health of Argurgan swing is unimarized, and Arguran of American swine is unimpaired, and American swine products are entirely wholesome I do not think these later propositions are now seriously disputed by people of intelligence. The movement is morely selfishness and in disregard of the interests of the United States. The only argument which would be effective would be the fear of reprisals. We

## can as little submit to the exclusion of our products upon false pretenses, pretenses so ob-viously false as in this instance." What Demoralizes Southern Labor.

could not insist upon any people receiving from us articles deleterious to health, but we

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 26,-The Times-Demo crat's (Franklin, La.,) special says Rozas Duguy, for the murder of George Lockley, in Cypremort, in November last, and John Aus-Cypremort, in November last, and John Austin, for the murder of Isaac Brown, near Franklin, I.a., last Christmas, both colored, were to-day sentenced by Judge Goode to be hanged. Albert O'Neal, for the mauslaughter of Bradley, on the Avelon plantation, some years ago, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary. O'Neal is a white man, and was recommended by the jury to the mercy of the some. In passing sentence the jurie dethe court. In passing sentence the jugde de-livered a very impressive address, dwelling forcibly upon the causes to which frequent crime is attributable, especially among colored population, namely, unrestrained in-dulgence in whisky drinking. He severely reprobated the practice of proprietors of plan-tation stores selling whisky to laborers on the plantations as being demoralizing to labor and the cause of nearly all crime. The mur-derers of J. W. Board, near Houma, a few days ago, have proved to be three negroes liv-ing near Houma. They have been shut up, Fart of Board's money was in their posse

An Accused Gas Trust Clerk Surrenders. PHILADELPHIA, PA., Jan. 26,-J. Spencer Smith, an ex-receiving clerk of the gas trust, harged on the oath of an employe of the board with the embezzlement of \$19,199, came into Judgo Hare's court this morning and surrendered himself. Ball was fixed at \$5,000. Smith denies all charges that have against him and stoutly declares that he can prove his innocence. He is the owner of a printing office and has large contracts for printing from the city.

### Bleycle Races.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 .- The twenty-five mile neyele race between John S. Prince, of Boston, and William Woodside, the Irish champion for \$200 a side and the championship, tool place to-night at the American institute. It was won by Prince in one hour, thirty-two minutes and twenty seconds.

### A Bodge to Get Polk Out of Jail.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Jan. 26.-M. T. Polk's health is capidly falling since his confinement. A writ of habeas corpus will be applied for to-morrow. The indictment is believed to be

### THE VIRGINIA MIDLAND.

#### The Road Turned Over to the Richmond and West Point Terminal Company-Probable Effect of the Transfer. Special Dispatch

BALTIMORE, Jan. 26 .- The following dispatch was received here to-day from New York: "The Richmond and West Point Terminal company have to-day settled in full with the Haltimore and Ohio railway company for the Virginia Midland railway and have received all the securities carrying the ownership of the Virginia Midland from the former company." A representative of The Refullican called upon a gentleman prominently identified with the Virginia Midland and Baltimore and Ohio interest, and obtained from him substantially the following statement in regard to the transfer: "The payment made to-day places the Virginia Midland company under the control of the Richmond and West Point Terminal company, who were the purchasers. This will, of course, oust the directors recently voted in by the Baltimore and Ohio interests, for although they were elected for a year, I believe that under the laws of Virginia the new stockholders can elect a new board of ownership of the Virginia Midland from the new stockholders can elect a new board of

new stockholders can elect a new board of directoss."

"Is Baltimore, then." to use a common phrase, "to enter this deal?"

"By no means. The money paid to-day completes a payment of \$4,000,000, which, as I have said, gives the Richmond and Danville system control of the Virginia Midland road, but subject to further mortgages of \$11,635,000. Now of course no company will let a property worth nearly sixteen million dollars go to naught, and that is what the Virginia Midland investment will amount to unless the road comes to Baltimore, Washington, or Alexandria. The Richmond and Danville interest have a stretch of road of about 140 miles below Danville, and would like to work the Virginia Midland in that interest, but, as I have said, the latter road is bound to prove a failing investment, as it has proved so far, until it taps Baltimore; and, therefore, I far, until it taps Baltimore; and, therefore, I think the benefit which this city will reap from it is only a question of time."

#### FRANCE AND THE REPUBLIC.

#### Duclere will Probably be Beaten-He is Suf fering with a Cold-The Ex-Royalists.

LONDON, Jan. 26 .- The Times, in an editorial article, says it seems probable that the Duclere cabinet will be beaten in the chamber of deputies on Monday. The most remarkable feature of the crisis is the rapidity with which Frenchmen of all conditions have begun to despair of the republic. The discouragement despair of the republic. The descouragement does not yet show itself in the newspaper press, but it is too apparent in private conversation. It would be rush to suppose that because republicans are disheartened therefore the republic is doomed. It is on trial, but it has the strength to survive many mistakes.

PARIS, Jan. 26 .- M. Duclere is suffering PARIS, Jan. 26.—M. Duclere is suffering from a severe cold, and therefore no cabinet council was held this morning. It is reported that the ministry intend withdrawing their bill against pretenders. The doctors fear that M. Duclerc has pleurisy, and have ordered for him absolute repose. The committee on the expulsion bills will present their report to the chamber of deputies to-morrow, and debate on those measures will commence on Monday. A minority of the committee are trying to effect a compromise between the committee and the

minority of the committee are trying to effect a compromise between the committee and the government.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A dispatch from Paris says: "M. Duclere has undergone a cupping operation. The streets in the first, second, and eighth arrondissements, in which are situated the louvre, the bourse, the bank of France, the Elysee palace, and many other public buildings have been patrolled by small detachments of infantry for several nights past."

Paris, Jan. 27, 2:30 a. m.—A report which was circulated yesterday and to-day that the Count De Chambord had landed at Port Vendres, France, is wholly unfounded. LONDON, Jan. 27.—The Times, in a leading editorial, says the serious indisposition of M. Duclere occurring at this juncture is only too likely to aggravate the political tension in

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LONDON, Jan. 27.—A dispatch from Paris
says it is not likely that M. Duclerc will be
well enough even by Tuesday to attend the
sittings of the chamber of deputies. A reception which was to have been held on Saturday has been countermanded on account of his

Dr. Ricard has been allowed to see Prince Jerome, who is suffering from the close con-finement. It is probable that the prince will be permitted to go to the hospital.

#### Canada and the Mother Country. EDINBURGH, Jan. 26 .- Sir Alexander Galt,

high commissioner for Canada, in a speech here to-day referring to the relations of the British colonies to the empire, said it was doubtful whether or not as the colonies in-creased in material power they would con-tinue satisfied. Their position of separation, he said, was neither necessary or desirable. He suggested the possibility of cementing the whole empire by a scheme of imperial feder-

### A Bad Black Minister.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Jan. 26,-The member of Olivet Baptist church (colored) are considerably exercised over the desertion of his flock by their pastor, James M. Powell, leaving them penniless and in a demoralized condition. According to their statements he has taken with them \$450, the proceeds of a fair held for the benefit of the church.

### Jem Mace and His Maori.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 .- Jem Mace and his Maori, Herbert A. Slade, arrived here this morning and went to the Metropolitan hotel where they breakfasted. They visited a photographer's studio and had their pictures taken, and afterwards went sightseeing all over the city and called at a number of sporting houses.

### An Unconscious Man.

NEW HAVEN, CONN., Jan. 25-The evidence in the Carroll murder trial was closed tonight, and the argument will begin Tuesday morning. The prisoner has been throughout the trial one of the most unconcerned men in room, yesterday falling asleep in his chair while the testimony against him was being

#### Russia and Austria. VIENNA, Jan. 26.—M. De Giers, the Russian

foreign minister, in his conversation with the emperor yesterday, referred to nearly all the leading political questions of the day, and es-pecially dwelt on the necessity of the powers taking collective action in urging the porte to carry out the promised reforms in Armenia

#### Noros and Nindemann. NEW YORK, Jan. 26 .- The scholars of the

chool ship St. Mary tendered Seamen Nindemann and Nores a reception on the ship to night. Among the guests were Chief Justice C.P. Daly, Chief Euglneer Metville, and Fred-erick R. Coudert. Resolutions were presented to both Nindemann and Noros.

## CABLE CATCHES.

A premium of 75 per cent, was paid at Lloyds yesterday on the British sieamer Quebec, which sailed from Fortland, Me., Jan. 1 for Liverpool. Mr. Gamel, the Copenhagen merchant who fitted out the Arctic exploring steamer hymphia, is or-ganizate a rulef expedition to proceed by the way of Siberia.

Regarding the approaching demonstration in his case, Mr. Bradinugh writes that it is not very likely a liberal government will endeavor to stop a perfectly legal demonstration and so provoks a serious riot.

# THE MARQUIS OF LORNE.

#### A Grand Reception Given in His Honor by the British Minister.

Members of All the Foreign Legations and Other Prominent People Attend.

The Legation Building Brilliantly Decorated and

#### The Marquis Presented to the President-A Dinner Party.

The British minister and Miss West gave a grand entertainment at their legation last evening in honor of the Marquis of Lorne. A handsome dinner party at 7:30 o'clock was followed by a large ball, for which over 400 invitations were sent out. All the arrangements for this fete were made within four days and the invitations were only issued on Tuesday. The splendor of the affair is all the more wonderful by reason of this brief notice, and this ball to the governor general of Canada will long be famous in the social annals of the capital. The interior of the legation building was brilliantly illuminated and decorated with palms, plants, and flowers, bright lights burning on either side of the large portrait of Queen Victoria at the head of the grand-stair-

case in the main hall.

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The guests at the dinner party were the Marquis of Lorne, Col. de Winton, Capt. Bagot, Mr. Bagot, Dr. Burnet, Col. Tourtelette, Mr. Saurin, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Charlton, together with Minister West and daughter. Guests for the ball began to arrive at 10 o'clock, and were shown to the office rooms at the right of the entrance, which were temporarily converted into cloakrooms. The receiving party stood just inside the doorway of the blue drawingroom, Minister West first receiving the guests and presenting them to his daughter, Miss West, who wore a short dancing toilet of pale pink moire and satin, draped with pink tulle and garlauded with trimson roses. The Marquis of Lorne stood at the opposite side of the drawingroom during the first hour of the reception, wearing a plain dress suit, with the grand cordon of the Scotch Order of the Thistic and the jeweled star on his breast. The most of the guests Scotch Order of the Thistic and the jeweled star on his breast. The most of the guests were presented to him by the minister or his daughter, and he was surrounded and busy in conversation until 11 o'clock, when the ballroom was thrown open. The Marquis of Lorne led the way with Miss West, and Minister West followed with Countess Lewenhaupt, wife of the Swedish minister. Other couples joined them, and the Marquis of Lorne and Miss West took their places at the south end of the ballroom and the others in their places and opened the ball by dancing the figures of a quadrille.

Many handsome tollets were worn by the ladies present.

ladies present. Countess Lewenhaupt wore a rose pink moire fall dress, with draperies of fine point lace and ornaments of rubles and diamonds. Mrs. Secretary Chandler, pale blue bro-caded satin, with front of white satin strewn

with flowers in embroidery; diamond orna-Mrs. Kinsley, white satin and brocade, with

point lace.

Miss Frelinghuysen, white satin trained dress, with lace trimmings.

Mrs. Keifer, dark green velvet, with fichu of point lace.

Miss Sherman, rose pink silk and brocade.

Miss Waite, white satin and brocade.

Mrs. Blatchford, black velvet and point lace,

Mrs. Justice Woods, pearl-tinted ottoman silk, with front of pink and gold brocade.

Miss Woods, pale blue and pink ottoman silk.

Mme. Preston, of Hayti, white brocaded satin, embroidered in colors.

Miss Preston, cream tinted satin, with trimmings of white jet.
Mme. Barca, of Spain, lavender satin and brocade. Mme. Godoy, of Chili, pale blue brocaded

satin, with front of white embroidered satin,

and diamond ornaments. Mme. Dominguez, of the Argentine Repub-He, black velvet and point lace, with many Miss Dominguez, pale blue satin and bro-

Miss Anita Dominguez, white ottoman silk Madame de Lonce, of France, white satin and brocade, with broad necklace of dia-

Mrs. Bartlett, of the Chinese legation, black Ars. Barriett, of the Chinese legation, black velvet, with trimmings of duchesse lace. Mrs. W. W. Story, heliotrope velvet and silk, draped with old venetian point. Mrs. Nickham Hofman, lavender satin, with iridescent passementeric and point lace

trimmings, with diamond ornaments Mrs. Walter A. Woods, gold-colored satin and brocaded velvet, trimmed with point lace, ornaments of large diamonds.

Mrs. Senator Hawley, steel gray silk and

Mrs. Yulee, black velvet and point lace.
Miss Yulee, cream white ottoman silk,
trimmed with ostrich-feather bands. Miss Van Buren, white satin, with train, embroidered with dragons, serpents, and Jap-

anese designs in gold thread, Mrs. McElroy, sister of President Arthur, black ottoman silk, with jet confure of white ostrich feathers.

Mrs. Brewster, blue brocade and satin, with blue ostrich tips in her hair.

Mrs. J. D. Cameron, ball dress of black vel-

Mrs. J. D. Cameron, oan cress of black vel-vet and jetted lace.

Mrs. Justice Field, black and white em-bossed velvet, with diamond ornaments,

Mrs. McCreery, pearl tinted satin, embroid-

ered stiffly with peals, pearl necklace and ornaments.
Mrs. Senator Logan, peacock, green velvet,

with white satin front.

Mrs. Senator Miller, black velvet, embroidered in silks. All the members of the foreign legations

were present, wearing the decorations of the orders to which they belong, with plain dress suits. The ministers of twenty-one great powers were present, and three embassies were represented by charges.

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An elaborate supper was served in the dining room at midnight, trays of ices, tea, and punch being passed to the guests in the parlars all evening. A table of about twenty covers was set for the Marquis of Lorae's party, which included Mrs. McElroy at the right of the Marquis and Mrs. Brewster at the left, Mrs. Don Cameron, Miss Frelinghuysen, Mrs. W. W. Story, Countess Lewenhaupt, Mine. Preston, Mine. Parca, Mine. Godoy, and other ladies of the diplomatic corps were scated with him. The other guests were served standing. The cotillon was started after the supper, other guests were served standing. The cotilion was started after the supper, and lasted until an early hour in the morning, finally concluding with the Sir Roger. de Coverly. Among those present were all the members of the cabinet, supreme court, foreign committees of senato and house, leading officers of the army and navy, and people prominent in social circles of the capital.

### YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY.

Yesterday morning the Marquis of Lorne passed somewhat quietly at the British legation, resting after the fatigues of his journey and looking over the vast pile of official and private letters that had accumulated during his journey. Shortly before the cabinet meeting, the marquis, accompanied by Assistant Secretary of State Davis, Col. De Winton, Mr. Bagot and Dr. Burnet (his suite) called ton, Mr. Bagot and Dr. Burnes (his saite) called on the President at the white house and was formally presented. After a brief visit the guests were shown through the reception rooms, and then made a call at the State de-partment. In the aftermoon the President re-